



Michael Bolton
Director, District 2

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CONFERENCE CALL

TO: All USW District 2 Local Union Presidents and Recording Secretaries

RE: 2016 USW District 2 Council Conference

Dear Union Sisters and Brothers:

I am pleased to announce that we have scheduled a **District 2 Council Conference** to be held at the **Hyatt Regency Hotel** in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on **Friday, May 6 through Sunday, May 8, 2016**.

Registration will be 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 5. Conference delegates unable to arrive on Thursday may register on Friday, May 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

The conference will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 6.

DELEGATE REGISTRATION

There is a registration fee of **\$115** per delegate/alternate, which includes the cost of all conference activities and materials, as well as the banquet on Saturday evening.

To assist in planning, we ask that you register in advance, either online or by regular mail (see details below). **Registration and payment must be received by the District 2 office no later than 20 days before the Conference, which is April 17, 2016.**

Please note that any delegate/alternate who does not register in advance will incur an additional \$25 walk-in fee.

Conference registrants who wish to bring a guest to Saturday's dinner may do so by purchasing a banquet ticket for \$75.

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

1. Internet registration: Go to www.uswdist2conference.org to complete the registration forms. Mail check payable to **USW District 2** in the enclosed envelope.
2. Mail Registration: Complete the enclosed delegate registration form (and guest registration form for banquet, if applicable) and mail with check payable to **USW District 2** in the enclosed envelope.

CREDENTIAL FORM

A blue Credential Form must be completed for each elected delegate/alternate attending the Conference. The USW Local Union Seal must be impressed on all credentials. **Do NOT mail the Credential Form with your registration.** The delegate/alternate must bring their completed credential form to the conference to present to the Credentials Committee at registration.

ACCOMMODATIONS

A block of sleeping rooms has been reserved at the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee. The room rate is \$135 per night for single or double occupancy. Please note that this hotel is non-smoking.

You can make reservations online at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/Unitedsteelworkers2016> or by calling 1-888-421-1442 and referencing the group code **G-UNSW**. The cut-off date for hotel reservations is at the special group rate is **Sunday, April 17, 2016**.

It is recommended that you reserve your room(s) as soon as possible due to the expected number of attendees at this Conference.

AGENDA

The purpose of this Council Meeting is to report on the "State of the District" and to provide critical information about collective bargaining as well as recent political/legislative developments. An Education Day is held as part of the Conference on Friday, May 6, 2015.

COUNCIL CONFERENCE DELEGATES/VOTING

Any voting will follow the guidelines as laid out in **Article V of District 2's By-Laws**.

SPECIAL GROUP MEETINGS

Requests for special meetings must be submitted in writing 15 days in advance of the Conference.

RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

Resolutions may be presented to the District Conference on matters proper for consideration by a district conference, and which are not in conflict with the International Constitution or within the exclusive jurisdiction of the International Convention or International Executive Board.

1. Any Local Union may submit a Resolution if it has been passed by a majority vote of members present at a Local Union meeting and received in the District Office no later than ten (10) days prior to the convening of the Council Conference. Proposed changes to the District 2 Council By-laws must be received no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Council Conference.
2. Such Resolutions must be properly signed and dated by the Local Union President and Recording Secretary and must carry the impressed Local Union Seal.
3. Each resolution must deal with only one (1) subject and must be typed.
Send one good copy so that additional copies can be made.

Mail to: Kelly Caldera
USW District 2 Office
1244A Midway Road
Menasha, WI 54952

DELEGATE EXPENSES

Each Local Union must bear the expenses of delegates attending the Conference, including lost time, travel, and hotel.

I strongly encourage participation from every local and look forward to greeting your delegates at the Conference as we join together to achieve our Union's goals of economic, social, and political justice for all.

Yours in Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael H. Bolton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being the most prominent.

Michael H. Bolton
Director, District 2

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Enclosures

cc: District 2 Staff
District 2 Steering Committee